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Reservation of lands for Harijans in Kurumbalur village.

* 1872 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Palanimuthu is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any lands in Kurumbalur, Madura, Palayam villages, Perambalur taluk, have been reserved for cultivation by Harijans;

(*b*) if so, their extent; and

(*c*) whether Harijans are actually cultivating them at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A total extent of 155·19 acres has been reserved for Harijans in Kurumbalur village, of which Palayam is a hamlet. Out of this an extent of 41·41 acres is under cultivation by Caste-Hindus and an extent of 10·92 acres is under cultivation by Harijans."

Highways Subdivisions in South Arcot district.

* 1873 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the various subdivisions under the jurisdiction of the Divisional Engineer (Highways), South Arcot district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to open another Highways Subdivision in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) *Regular subdivisions*—Tindivanam Subdivision, Cuddalore Subdivision, Vriddhachalam Subdivision, Tirukoilur Subdivision and Chidambaram Subdivision.

~~*Special Subdivision*—Cuddalore Subdivision.~~

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" (*b*) No, Sir. There is however a proposal for the creation of another special subdivision for the work connected with the local development works programme."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Only South Arcot district has more subdivisions. Therefore will the Government create two major divisions in that district? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There are five regular subdivisions in South Arcot as compared to four in Chingleput, four in North Arcot, three in Salem and so on."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" My point is this. In South Arcot there are more subdivisions and the Divisional Engineer finds it difficult to execute the works properly, effectively and economically. Therefore will the Government bifurcate the district into two divisions? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is the opinion of the hon. Member. The Chief Engineer has not pointed out any difficulty with regard to that."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" The Hon. Minister said in his speech on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the bridge at Pennar that a new division would be created in South Arcot. May I know when it will be created? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I do not remember in what context I said that. But however the suggestion has to come from the technical persons concerned and they have not made any representation. I cannot be creating divisions for the sake of having said so."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Among the five subdivisions in South Arcot, is there one subdivision specially for the bridge construction at Pennar near Villupuram? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I do not think there is any need for it. Unless I hear from the Chief Engineer about it, I do not think I can consider it."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In South Arcot there are more bridge works to be taken during this year and the next two years. Therefore may I request the Hon. Minister to open one or two subdivisions for bridge works alone? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I told plainly that I should hear from the Chief Engineer that he found it difficult to manage with the present number of subdivisions and that there should be one or two more subdivisions. I cannot take note of the statement of the hon. Member that works are not being executed properly. The people should make a representation to the Chief Engineer and make him move in the matter. If there is justification for the demand, it will be conceded."

Scholarships to Madras students in Andhra State schools.

* 1874 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Harijan students belonging to our State but studying in some schools in Andhra State are denied scholarships by the Government of Andhra ; and